



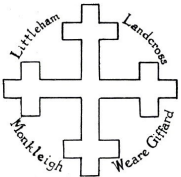
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Coffee Morning Weare Giffard V.Hall every Thursday 10:30 -12pm  
Pop-in mornings Littleham Village Hall Thursdays 10:30 - 12:00  
Last Friday of every month, Friday Club. Littleham V.Hall 14:00 - 1600

Sat 3rd Littleham Film Club "Lee" 6:30 for 7pm (See P.12)  
Sat 3rd Burger + Band evening The Bell Monkleigh (See P.16)  
Sat 3rd Breakfast Rolls W.Giffard V.Hall 10 - Noon  
Sat 3rd V.E. Celebrations BBQ Cyder Presse 4 pm (See P.21)  
Mon 5th V.E. Day 80th Crealock Arms 3 - 6pm (See P.12)  
Mon 12th Friends Together Lunch W.Giffard 12:30  
Thurs 8th V.E. Beacon Crealock Arms 9:15 pm (See P. 15)  
Sat 10th Knit + Natter W.Giffard V.Hall 10 - Noon  
Sun 11th Bridge Mill Open Day, Bridgerule 11- 4 pm (see P.5)  
Wed 14th Defibrilator Training Littleham V.Hall 6:30 pm (see P.14)  
Wed 28th Morris dancing at the Crealock Arms 7pm (See P.12)  
Wed 28th Littleham + Landcross Art Group V. Hall

## ADVANCE NOTICE JUNE

Sunday June 8th Songs of Praise Weare Giffard Park 3pm

### June Crosslet

**NOTE:** Deadline for contributions: **10th May**

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Dear friends

I hope you had a wonderful Easter and managed to celebrate with family and friends.

Our thanks to all those who led and took part in Holy Week and the Easter Services. To the wonderful Churchwardens, Sarah our Lay minister, the Team of Clergy, and the Church families who are working so hard during this interregnum.

It is not long now before our new Team Vicar comes to join us! Revd Ruth Beckett will be licenced at St Mary's Church Bideford on Wednesday July 16th at 7pm by the Bishop of Exeter. Please do come and join in the celebration.

Here is a short introduction from Ruth and her husband John.

Every blessing,

*Revd Claire*



Dear friends,

I am really excited to be joining the staff at Bideford, Landcross, Littleham, Monkleigh and Weare Giffard this summer, to be licensed as team vicar in the benefice on Wednesday July 16th. My name is Ruth, and I'm moving from Torquay where I've been training as a curate for the last three years. Before that I've been a Mum to two sons and worked as a maths teacher. God surprised me with this call to ordination after



serving happily for nearly 20 years as an LLM (Reader) with a passionate belief in lay ministry! However, I feel very blessed in this new vocation and am looking forward to serving with you in these communities in beautiful North Devon.


I'm married to John who worked as a farm and small-animal vet. He also happens to be ordained. We've lived in a number of places including Harrogate and a village in the Cotswolds, but mainly in the South West.

Together we enjoy time with family, moorland and coastal walks and gardening. In my leisure time I'm also a keen cook and a quilter. John and I hope to meet and get to know you soon when we arrive in the summer.

*Rev Ruth Beckett*

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June 6th    Choir Practice 2.30  
June 8th    Songs of Praise

Littleham  
6pm Littleham  
Weare Giffard  
Weare Giffard Park 3pm

Ruth Beckett (our new vicar) is being licensed at St Mary's on July 16th. A 5 parish choir will be needed. So please reserve the date!

## Women's Breakfast



Some of the Breakfasters who tucked into a full English at the inaugural Women's Breakfast dished up by the Durrant Hotel on Saturday 5th April. The food was hot, tasty and fresh and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to share fellowship (possibly not the right word for a women's event!) in relaxed surroundings.

We're hoping the next Breakfast will be in the summer, again at the Durrant Hotel and that next time, we'll be joined by some of our friends from the Villages.

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We are setting up a charity to operate Goodliving as soon as possible. The new charity will need to buy out the current assets owned by Christina so that she can walk away. We also need to recruit volunteers to operate the charity on a daily basis.

Currently, Goodliving opens a shop 5 days per week with few extended services. There is scope for development into other Christian bookshop activities given available staff and funding

### **We need:**

1. Volunteers. Initially to enable the shop to open each day.
2. Immediate and longer term funding to enable us to acquire the assets currently held in the shop (i.e., stock, computer systems, fittings, etc.).

There are also some long-term commitments bringing the total projected investment over the next 2 years to £80,000. **We have already received some substantial donations** and we are looking for further grants and interest free loans to put the bookshop on a secure footing for the future. Shop trading is currently breaking even. We are looking to increase turnover to cover inflationary costs.

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### **Aspirin**

*Had a slight headache this morning but felt much better after following the instructions on the aspirin bottle: 'Take two and keep away from children.'*

### **From the Parish Registers, April**

Jean Lyle was buried in St Swithun's, Littleham.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

Families are welcome to send a longer obituary to:-

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# LANDCROSS

## **Services this month:-**

This month's Taize service is on Thursday May 1st at 7.00 pm and our Celtic Communion is on Sunday May 11th at 11 am.

Do come and join us if you can!

*April*

## **4 Parish Palm Sunday Service**

Thank you to all who came to support the 4 Parish Palm Sunday Service at Landcross on 13th April, led by Rev'd Robin Pirrie and our Reader Sarah.

It was lovely to have all 26 of us coming together to mark the beginning of Holy Week. The Passion Narrative made a real impact, thanks to all those who took part and read so well.

Palms were distributed, Communion taken and hymns sung with enthusiasm. Thank you John for playing for us so beautifully, as always. The Service finished with cake and sherry, which was well received and everyone stayed to chat and enjoy one another's company.

It was especially lovely to see Willy de Loecker and his family walk through the door!

Wishing everyone, a very Happy Easter from all of us here at Landcross.

*April*

## **Real responses to school science exam questions:**

- *Genetics explains why you look like your father, and if you don't, why you should.*
- *The cause of perfume disappearing is evaporation. Evaporation gets blamed for a lot of the things people forget to put the top on.*
- *Water vapour gets together in a cloud. When it is big enough to be called a drop, it does.*
- *Mushrooms always grow in damp places, which is why they look like umbrellas.*
- *Momentum is something you give a person when they go away.*
- *A monsoon is a French gentleman.*
- *The word 'trousers' is an uncommon noun because it is singular at the top and plural at the bottom.*
- *To keep milk from turning sour, keep it in the cow.*
- *When planets run around and around in circles, we say they are orbiting. When people do it, we say they are crazy.*

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Thursday 1 May	POLLING Station all day (Hall) 7:00-22:00,
Saturday 3 May	Film Club/Hall and Bar, 19:00 – 22:30
Tuesday 6 May	Stitch and Create in Bar, 14:00 – 16:00
Tuesday 13 May	Ladies Skittles in Hall, 19:30 – 21:00
Wednesday 14 May	Defibrillator Training (Hall) Val, 18:30 – 20:30
Saturday 17 May	Little Stitches Quilters in main hall, 09:00 – 16:00
Tuesday 20 May	Stitch and Create in Bar, 14:00 – 16:00
Tuesday 27 May	Ladies Skittles in Hall, 19:30 – 21:00
Wednesday 28 May	Art Group, 10:00 – 15:00
Saturday 31 May	Games Evening (Hall & Kitchen) Morris Poole, 19:30



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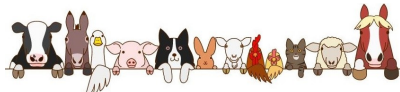


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April's film "Paddington in Peru" was an animated adventure comedy film directed by Dougal Wilson. It was the third instalment in the Paddington film series, which are based on the Paddington stories by Michael Bond. A very well-attended movie. The audience were enthralled by the story line and amazing graphics.

Our May film is "Lee" for which the film club committee have long been waiting to show this 2023 British biographical war drama film directed by Ellen Kuras in her feature directorial debut, from a screenplay by Liz Hannah, John Collee and Marion Hume, and story from Hume, Collee, adapted from the 1985 biography The Lives of Lee Miller by Antony Penrose. It stars Kate Winslet as WWII journalist Lee Miller. The cast includes Marion Cotillard, Andrea Riseborough, Andy Samberg, Noémie Merlant, Josh O'Connor and Alexander Skarsgård in supporting roles. As always, we meet at Littleham Village Hall, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm screening on Saturday 3rd May.

A well-stocked Bar, a glorious raffle, free tea, coffee, and biscuits in the interval, £1 ice creams, tall seats on the back two rows and a warm welcome will greet you. Come early if you like to sit in the front and benefit from the sub-titles. Hoping to see you on 3rd May, the Film Committee and our Wonderful volunteers (call Keith – ☎ 07425 392731 for more information).

### Monday 5th May 3pm - 6pm

**80th VE Day (Victory in Europe) Celebration at The Crealock Arms in our Beer Garden (Weather Permitting)**

#### **An Afternoon Tea**

**(Sausage roll, Pasty, Scone, Jam & Cream and a Pimm's) for £10pp**

**This will need to be pre booked and paid by Thursday 1st May.**

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4pm - 5pm**



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### Morris Dancing at The Crealock Arms

The **Morris Dancers** will be performing at the Crealock Arms on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May** from 7pm + the Littleham Howlers will be singing afterwards.



# LITTLEHAM



## Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist Chapel on the 11th May with Rev. A. Vidamour and on the 25 th May with Mr. D. Withall, both at 10.30 am. Everyone welcome.

## 100 Club April Winners!

The April draw for the St Swithun's Littleham 100 Club took place on April 15th, drawn by Martin Manley

The results were as follows:-

First Prize	93 Wendy Bishop
Second Prize	69 Andy Longstaff
Third Prize	96 Sandra Lowe

Congratulations to them all!



## Friday Club

We had a wonderful talk and demonstration of Ballroom Dancing from Lynda and Alf Lees. We learnt about their competition days and showed us photos and trophies that they had won all over the country. It was a fascinating talk and they both looked beautiful in their outfits. Lynda also bought some of her dresses and shoes that she had worn. They gave us a demonstration of various ballroom dances which we could have watched into the evening but it was time for the more adventurous to learn a few steps and ending up doing a sort of dance ! a little more practice needed maybe.

We meet the last Friday of the month at 14.00 and new members are always very welcome.



## DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS TRAINING

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at **6:30 p.m.**

**(Open to anyone)**

We have arranged for Jessica Courtney of South West Ambulance Service (the providers of our three machines) to present another training session for us. This will include up to date CPR training to include the use of defibrillators. Jessica is keen to involve more youngsters in these sessions, so this date falls outside the school exam period and will start at an earlier time in the evening. This is a free event to which everyone will be welcome- residents and visitors alike- so do come along if you can. Cake will be provided!

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### **Garden produce**

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*After the initial surge of disgust his mother asked, "Well . . . what does it taste like?"*

*"The worms over there," was the reply.*

### **Good Friday Walk of Witness**

(or perhaps it should have been walk of wetness!)

Well done to all 7 hardy souls for completing the walk in such terrible conditions!



## LITTLEHAM AND LANDCROSS PARISH COUNCIL



### **V.E. 80th Anniversary Day Beacon**

The Parish Council has commissioned the making of a beacon to be lit on Thursday May 8th at 9.30pm at the Crealock Arms car park. This will be part of a UK wider event to celebrate Victory in Europe Day and 80 years of peace since the end of WW2 in Europe. Also, an occasion to remember the millions who made the ultimate sacrifice to achieve this.

Everyone is welcome to both remember and celebrate this special occasion.

*Littleham and Landcross Parish Council.*

### ***It's how you say it....***

- *Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.*
- *A backward poet writes inverse.*
- *In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.*
- *A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.*
- *If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.*
- *Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.*

<b>Intercessors and Readers for Littleham May 2025</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Readers</b>
May 18th	Alan	Anthony Penny
May 25th	Anita	Alan Keith

### **St Swithun's Grass Cutting Rota 2025**

<b>May 2025</b>	Andrew Tregoning	Garry Hans	Martin Manley
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### **Littleham and Landcross Art Group**

We always welcome new members, and the first taster meeting is free. If you want more information, contact Mari or Rob on ☎ **01237 475716**.

Our programme is as follows:

**28th May** Techniques using water colour to include outdoor painting if weather permits, and/or wax crayon rubbings.



# MONKLEIGH

## The Bell Inn Monkleigh

Hello from the Bell Inn!

### **What's on this month @the bell inn**

On April the 26th we have Amber Louise playing acoustic music in the bar area.

On May the 3rd we have our first burger and band of 2025 - watch out on our Facebook page for more details on that!

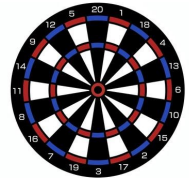
On May 10th we have our in house darts competition where last times winner ( John ) will be defending his title. This starts at 7.30pm

We also have a crib night every other Wednesday 30th April, 14th May etc

I am also happy to say we now have our phone up and running - the number has changed it is :- ☎ **01237 520006**

We are also doing food now. Hope to see you all very soon!

*Sue*



## Monkleigh Village Hall News

### **Coffee and Craft Mornings**

First Tuesday of every month. (10am-12pm)

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## Answers To The April Crossword

**ACROSS:** 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell.  
11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur.  
22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

**DOWN:** 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist.  
7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche.  
16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

# **WEARE GIFFARD**

## **Weare Giffard Village Hall**

Coffee Morning  
Every Thursday

10:30 am - 12:00 pm



## **Weare Giffard Village Hall Lottery results**

### **April lottery winners**

1st prize. Della Hardy

2nd prize Roy & Heather Wrath

3rd prize Bryan & Shirley Andrews



Thank you for all who returned to breakfast rolls after having a month off. The weather was amazing which enticed lots of people to come along. Hopefully we'll see you all on the 3rd of May. The breakfast roll ladies decided to donate £50 to the Myanmar earthquake disaster.

### **Quiz**

A good time was had by all. The quiz master Andy did a fantastic job. There was a draw and after a tie break the Easter egg was won by Nigel and Catherine's team as was the quiz and they were happy to go home with a chocolate Easter rabbit each. We made £150 which will go to the village hall.

## **Weare Giffard Village Hall**

The village hall AGM was held on April 10th 2025 and our elected committee are willing and ready to go; including myself as I continue for another year as Chair to the committee; a privilege! Our main objective is to maintain and enhance this community space for the benefit of this beautiful village and its' residents. The village hall belongs to the community and representation from the residents and across the regular groups who use it form the committee. We welcome feedback and new ideas to encourage more people through the doors to keep this as a community gathering space. The regular groups and additional fund-raising events enable the hall's upkeep and improvements, which are inevitably on-going; it is an old building and needs to be taken care of; so please do come along, join-in and support us. A warm welcome will be waiting, whether it is at breakfast rolls, coffee mornings, Friends Together lunches, skittles, table tennis, line-dancing, yoga.... these are regular events and then we have quiz nights, film & dine events, beetle drives, table-top games along with charity fund-raising bookings such as bingo

nights to look out for too. The village fete with its' horticultural & produce show and cream teas, the art group exhibition, a Christmas craft fair, the village Panto also take place at the village hall; bookings for training and meeting days along with parties can all be accommodated. The kitchen facilities are available to book too and a small meeting room will soon be available if a large space/hall is not required. All enquiries welcome;

Mandy our bookings coordinator will always be happy to assist. Visit the Weare Giffard Community website for up to date information on all things village related. [www.wearegiffard.org](http://www.wearegiffard.org)

Best wishes, Vanessa Saunders

[chairWGVH@icloud.com](mailto:chairWGVH@icloud.com)

### **Don't look back**

*The Sunday School teacher was telling the story of how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom and Gomorrah, she turned into a pillar of salt. One youngster nodded in a knowing fashion. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he confided, "and she turned into a lamp post."*

### **Weare Giffard Film Club**

We're having a break for a few months but we're hoping to do a few themed nights later on in the year.



### **Knit and Natter**

Saturday May 10th 10 till Noon  
£4 includes drink, cake, raffle  
Weare Giffard Village Hall



### ***Takeaway / Eat in Breakfast Rolls***

***Saturday May 3rd***

***10 till noon***

***Weare Giffard Village Hall***



## **WEARE GIFFARD** **"LAST OF THE HISTORY WALKS" SUMMER 2025**

Although I said last year was the last! due to requests, I am prepared to offer all 4 walks again, i.e. this summer, BUT THIS REALLY WILL BE THE LAST YEAR!

There are three walks in the actual village, and the fourth to Berry Castle. Weare Giffard's history spans millennia i.e. men, women and children were here from 12,000 years ago (flints found at Annery Kiln); and it is not just a sleepy, rural, agriculture and pretty village – we have, for example, a surprising rich and diverse Industrial History. All walks start at 2.30 p.m. Maximum distance is half mile out, and half a mile back.

### **DATES:-**

No.1 SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
No 2 SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
No.3 SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

No 4 SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

Parish Church to The Old Corn Mill;  
The Old Corn Mill to Chopes Bridge;  
Annery Kiln area  
(NB will not include the Sea Lock);  
Berry Castle, Iron Age 'Hillfort'/  
Settlement.

Prior registration is essential. These short walks are open to all and each lasts around 2 hours. There will be a small donation of £5 per head, children free, this toward Weare Giffard History Projects. I would ask anyone who would like to attend one or more of these walks, to ring or e mail me expressing a firm interest. Fee when registering please, (or no later than a month ahead of each walk). Further details re. parking etc. to those registering.

Please ring or e mail me –

**Keith Hughes**

**☎ 01237 475168,**

**[keith\\_willows@talktalk.net](mailto:keith_willows@talktalk.net)**

**(note underscore)**. If I'm out do please leave your name and tel contact, plus the walk (s) number you are wishing to attend, and I will get back to you. Spaces will be limited to 20 on each walk. I look forward to welcoming you to the fascinating history of Weare Giffard.





## The Weare Giffard Community Website

[www.wearegiffard.org](http://www.wearegiffard.org)



### V.E. CELEBRATION BBQ

#### CYDER PRESSE

#### SATURDAY 3RD MAY



There will be a BBQ at the Cyder Presse on the 3rd of May from 4:30 pm till the grub runs out . All donations raised are going to 4 Armed Services charities (Navy Association , Army Benevolent Fund , RAF association and the Merchant navy ) .

Come along and support a good cause . Also many thanks to Gaye & Dave Daniels for allowing the event to take place and for supplying the food .

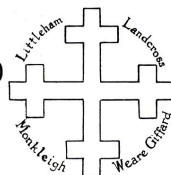
### Friends Together Lunch - Weare Giffard

Our next lunch is on Monday May 12th 12 o'clock for 12.30  
All welcome and please bring your friends as well

More information from Pat on  
or Jen on

☎ 01237 424917

☎ 01237 479594.



### Our pastoral visiting team 2025

If you would like a visit from one of our friendly team members or know someone who does then please call Sarah Cordingley

☎ 01237 471441

### Children's parties

*The main benefit of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children out there who are more awful than your own.*

## Weare Giffard Archives

Weare Giffard Village Hall – **Parish Council and Village Archives** are going to be moved to a more secure storage facility within the village hall. The transfer of these documents will be an interesting time as they would benefit from updating the cataloguing and therefore will need to be reviewed. An opportunity for anyone interested in the history of the village or anyone who is just a little bit inquisitive to come and have a peep. If you would like to assist and enjoy some chatter along the way about the village past please do let either myself, Keith Hughes, Heather Wraith or David Branston know. Thank you.

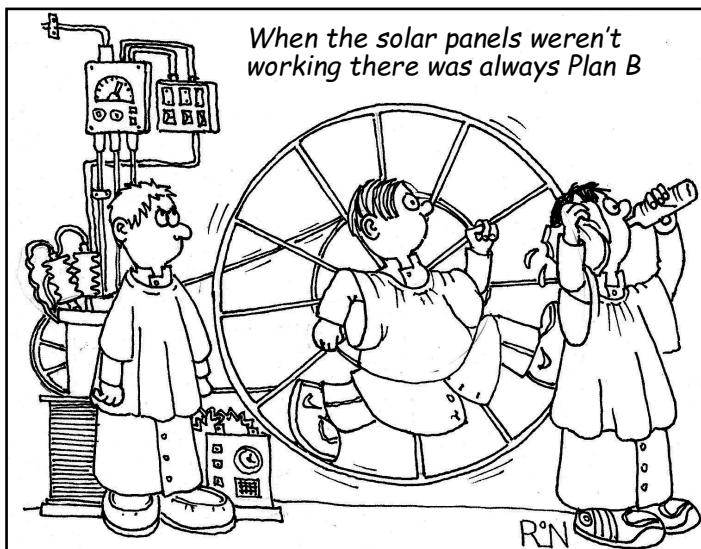
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## ORAL HISTORY PROJECT – WEARE GIFFARD

This is now closing, and at the time of writing this, we are at the stage of preparing for all recordings to be archived, this at DCC's North Devon Records Office, with a copy here in the village archives, stored in the village hall.

I will be writing a person thanks to all involved, whether recorders; those who recorded; or those who helped with advice and in other ways i.e. editing and archiving for example. It was a fantastic team effort, and as usually Weare Giffard rose to the occasion.

When all the facts and figures are finalized, I will write a final 'report' in a future Crosslet, but to say now, that in just four months we achieved an estimated 24 recordings (more than one a week!).



Keith Hughes.  
☎ 01237 475168.

### Decisions. decisions

Local politician to aide: "About their charge that I'm indecisive –

do you think I should answer it, or let it go, or answer it in part, or what?"





# Weare Giffard Parish Council

## Voluntary Road Warden Scheme

Road Wardens are voluntary positions within local town and parish councils providing support to carry out minor jobs that Devon County Council are no longer able to resource and do not have a legal responsibility to carry out. This work includes minor pot-hole repairs, clearing weeds, cleaning road signs, cleaning drainage, grass cutting, repairing finger posts and other minor works.

Full training is provided and, in the unlikely event of a claim, Devon County Council will also cover the public liability aspect of insurance for voluntary work on the public highway or footway, providing it is undertaken in a safe manner according to county council advice. This, for example, would cover any claims by a third party as a result of works, which the county council would defend if works were carried out in accordance with county council advice.

Devon County Council will not provide any other form of insurance cover for this activity which must be undertaken at the volunteers own risk. So, for example, any damage to one's own person, property or vehicle would not be covered.

Full details on the scheme can be found at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/road-warden-scheme>

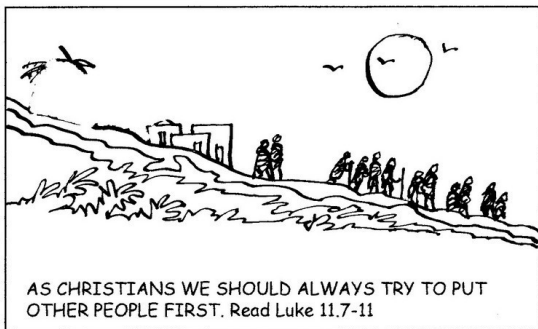
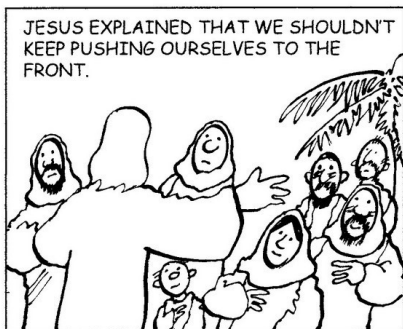
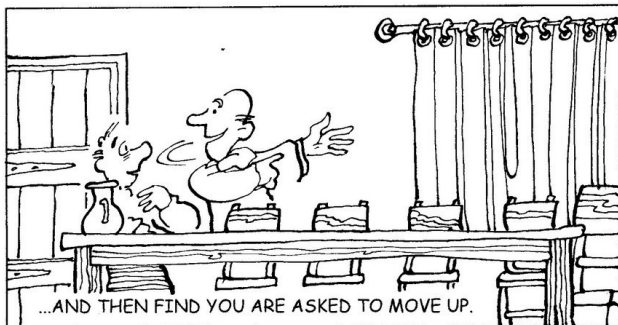
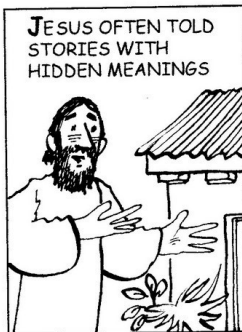
If anyone is interested in becoming a voluntary road warden for the village or would like further information on the scheme itself, please contact me.

David Branston  
Parish Clerk

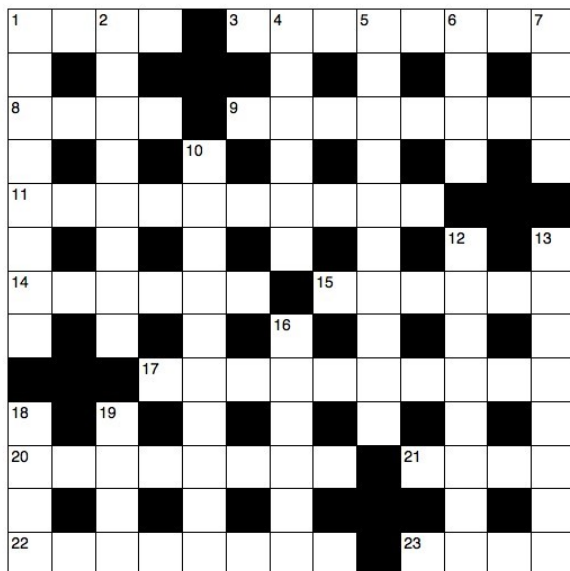
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### **Open your mouth...**

*My dentist is also our choir leader at church. He likes the hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns."*



## Crossword for May 2025



### Across

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)  
 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)  
 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)  
 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)  
 11 Anglican form of church government (10)  
 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)  
 15 Ministers of religion (6)  
 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)  
 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)  
 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)

22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)

23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

### Down

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)  
 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)  
 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)  
 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)  
 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)  
 7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)  
 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)  
 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)  
 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)  
 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)  
 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)  
 19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

Answers in the June  
Crosslet

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Date	Monkleigh	Littleham	Weare Giffard	Landcross
Normal Service Time	9.30 am	11 am	9.30 am	11 am
Thursday May 1 <sup>st</sup>				Taize 7 pm
Sunday May 4 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter			Morning Praise Acts 9: 1 - 20 Rev. 5: 11 - end John 21: 1 - 19	
Sunday May 11 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter				Celtic Communion Acts 9: 36 – end John 10: 22 - 30
	5 Parish Choral Evensong 6pm Littleham			
Sunday May 18 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter		Parish Communion Acts 11: 1 - 18 Rev. 21: 1 – 6 John 13: 31 - 35	Parish Communion Acts 11: 1 - 18 Rev. 21: 1 – 6 John 13: 31 - 35	
Sunday May 25 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter		Morning Praise Acts 16: 9 – 15 Rev. 21: 10, 22-22: 5 John 5: 1 – 9		Holy Communion Acts 16: 9 – 15 Rev. 21: 10, 22-22: 5 John 5: 1 - 9
Thursday May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension Day service at Chudleigh Fort, Bideford 11 am.			

### Littleham Methodist Church Services

There are services at Littleham Methodist Chapel on the 11th May with Rev. A. Vidamour and on the 25 th May with Mr. D. Withall, both at 10.30 am. Everyone welcome.

**Need to talk? It doesn't matter if you attend church or not,  
we are here for you.**

**Contact the Team Rector, Rev'd Claire on 01237 475765**